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To the Editor,

Gerald Posner claims he has found "real history" in concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy. Yet his case is far from closed because his findings suffer from one critical flaw: he assumes that all the original testimony by witnesses and related FBI documents are "credible."

That Posner could believe such a thing is incredible. The testimony of many eyewitnesses went unrecorded because their statements contradicted the single-assassin theory. The legacy of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI is one of manipulation and subterfuge in the pursuit of political goals.

Truth is elusive in a culture that hides from its own history. We have a penchant for blaming disasters on single individuals because we need simple explanations for catastrophe and the national uncertainty it produces.

John Kennedy was targeted for assassination by his enemies and gunned down in Dallas by at least two hit men. Until our culture can accept that disturbing reality, we will keep grasping at the straws of tame, expedient history.

Sincerely,

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Thanks for your help today. Here's a copy of the ltr I wrote for your info.

Regards, Marty.